

Hampton CITY PAGE

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Fort Monroe: Military Training and Readiness

Periodically, the federal government reviews its military infrastructure to determine how it may generate cost savings and run an even more efficient operation. This process is known as the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) process.

In recent weeks there has been discussion about the vital role that Fort Monroe plays in our Peninsula community. However, the significance of the Fort goes well beyond any jobs that it creates. Fort Monroe is a major contributor to the Department of Defense's ability to develop and implement plans for joint war-fighting, training, and readiness -- a main priority of the 2005 round of BRAC.

The Mayor, Council, and city staff have worked many hours to research and understand the very complicated issues related to Fort Monroe and the BRAC process. The city has had consistent dialog with Congressman Schrock's office throughout much of this year, and in recent weeks has also asked other members of Congress for their support.

Senator Warner, Senator Allen, Congressman Schrock, Congressman Scott, and Congresswoman Davis have always responded promptly to requests for help and have committed to extending their support for Fort Monroe.

In fact, last year Senator Warner, Congressman Schrock, and the other members of the delegation engineered the addition of \$85 million to restore the facilities at Fort Monroe that were damaged by Hurricane Isabel. They took this action to ensure that the fort would be in the best position possible as we go into the BRAC process. Further,

Senator Warner is doing all within his power to preserve the integrity of the BRAC process and to assure that it remains fair and does not become a political process. In addition, a number of mayors and city councils in this region have expressed support for keeping Fort Monroe as an operational unit within Hampton.

To read about the BRAC process go to www.hampton.gov and click on What's Hot.

Hampton 17 Percent Cleaner

Hampton Clean City Commission volunteers used Keep America Beautiful, Inc.'s Litter Index for the fifth year on August 4 to rate Hampton's perceivable litter.

This year volunteers rated the city at 129, which signifies just slightly littered. Since 2000, when the Litter Index was first conducted, the litter index has improved by 17 percent.

Six volunteers were trained in the use of the Litter Index and then traveled by van to 55 sites throughout the city to rate the presence of litter at those sites. Volunteers who rated Hampton this year were: Betsy Castanien, Karen Green, Martha Tennille, Emily Todd, John Westley, and Jim Wharry.

Hampton residents can assist in keeping Hampton beautiful by:

- Putting trash and recyclables in the proper container
- Placing garbage and recycling containers on the curb at the appropriate times and retrieving them right after they have been emptied
- Understanding that every person paid to pick up trash could be doing other jobs such as planting flowers, maintaining flowerbeds and trees, and other important tasks instead
- Encouraging family, friends, and neighbors to be responsible and put trash in its proper place
- Picking up litter whenever possible to help avoid accumulations that attract more litter
- Being vocal through the media, comment lines, and other communication tools to let others know that litter is not acceptable
- Joining community cleanup efforts to remove litter from public areas
- Notifying workplaces when overflowing dumpsters, cigarette butts, or other litter become a problem at the location

For more information about litter control contact the Hampton Clean City Commission at 727-6394.



Hampton Litter Index Volunteers

Neighborhood Nomination Meetings

Interested in what's going on in your neighborhood? Participate in the neighborhood commissioner nomination meetings on the following dates.

For more information or to RSVP call 727-6460.

Non-profits:

Thursday, 8/19/04, 12:00 - 1:30 p.m.
Alternatives, Inc.

District 6:

Thursday, 8/19/04, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Buckroe Fire Station

Faith Based group:

Thursday, 8/24/04, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Kenneth Wallace
Neighborhood Center

Property Information Online

Citizens are now able to access information about real estate property transfers online at www.hampton.gov/assessor/. Citizens can view properties sorted by price, property owner, parcel identification number, property address, transfer date, or LRSN. In addition, there are a number of other services on the assessor's website to include a valuation guide, annual report, and much more.

Yard Sale Permits Now At New Location

Yard sale permits will be issued by the Treasurer's Office on the first floor of the Ruppert Sargent Building located at 1 Franklin St., beginning Monday, August 23. Previously yard sale permits were issued in City Hall. The cost for a yard sale permit is still \$5.

For more information call 311 in Hampton or 727-8311 outside of Hampton or from a cell phone.

**WANTED :
(ALIVE AND KICKIN')
ASSET BUILDER NOMINEES**

The Coalition for Youth is looking for nominees for this year's Brandon Developmental Asset Awards. Nominees for this award are any person or organization who strives to help Hampton's Youth succeed by purposefully using the Developmental Assets concept as the basis for their work.

Closing Date for Nominations: October 1, 2004
Please call 728-9282 for more information

DID YOU KNOW...
The City has two "Bark Parks" at Buckroe Beach and Sandy Bottom Nature Park. Bark Parks are areas in designated parks where dogs are allowed to roam without their leashes. There are rules, the dogs must have proper vaccinations and be well behaved and dogs cannot run free outside the designated areas. For more information call 311 in Hampton or 727-8311 outside of Hampton or from a cell phone.



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August

COMMUNITY EVENTS

20-22 Hampton Cup Regatta

Noon - 5pm, Mill Creek
Over 100 boats race at speeds up to 170 mph at North America's largest in-board hydroplane race.

24 Bike Rodeo

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.,
Buckroe Beach
Hampton Police will check bicycle safety.

**Stay Tuned for Hampton
Bay Days coming
September 10 through
September 12 in
Downtown Hampton.**

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